

lynchings-1906.

Total for (1906).

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LYNNCHING ANNIVERSARY

Many in Spencer will recall that August 6th is the 18th anniversary of the lynching of the three Gillespie negroes in Salisbury on a charge of murdering four members of the family of a well known Barber-Rowan county death prisoner. It was a time in Rowan about time and excitement ran. Hundreds of citizens, led by the awful crime, and their way to Henderson's Grove on the outskirts of Salisbury to view the three negroes hanging to a single tree. They were on trial in Rowan court when a mob entered the jail and carried away the negroes. This was during the tenure of office of the late Sheriff D. R. Julian, who bared his head under an electric light in front of the jail and pleaded with the mob to save the negroes and let the courts have their way.